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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **CITY TO HOST FINAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE HICKS-LOGAN-SAWYER MASTER PLAN & URBAN RENEWAL PLAN**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts-** The public input component of the City of New Bedford's efforts to develop a Master Plan, Urban Renewal Plan and a District Improvement Financing Plan for the Hicks-Logan-Sawyer (HLS) District will conclude with a third and final community meeting on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at Coastline Elderly Services, 1646 Purchase Street. Information gathered by the City of New Bedford Planning Department and their consultants, BSC Terrasphere will shape the plans for future growth and redevelopment possibilities in the HLS District by defining goals, identifying objectives and crafting a vision that best reflects the community's needs.

"Citizen input and participation has been a critical component of this planning process. Area business owners and city residents have had great influence on the development of the guiding principles and designs associated with this urban revitalization plan. During this process, local stakeholders have had many opportunities for meaningful public involvement. In the spirit of this ongoing dialogue, I hope to see some new faces at this, last very important meeting," Jennifer Gonsalves, Chair of the HLS Citizens Participation Committee.

The upcoming public meeting is an opportunity for the public to voice their visions and ideas for the future of our city, and to receive information on the urban renewal process and district improvement financing methods. This is the third and final meeting in the public process of examining issues in the HLS District from varied perspectives to derive the best possible course of action. A community's greatest resource is its residents and Mayor Lang encourages all citizens to participate in this meeting to help shape the HLS District.

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